

HONORING THE EXEMPLARY CITIZENRY OF JIMMY TOUSSAINT AND ELI BINDER

**HON. CARRIE P. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 1998*

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues the outstanding example of honesty and civic responsibility demonstrated by two young men from my district, Mr. Jimmy Toussaint and Mr. Eli Binder.

While walking through their neighborhood, Jimmy, who is eleven years old, and Eli, who is twelve, noticed that a neighbor, having left in a rush, neglected to close and lock the front door to his home.

They could have kept on walking, but they felt a responsibility to the welfare of their neighbor. After knocking but receiving no response, Jimmy and Eli sought out the assistance of an adult Citizens on Patrol volunteer and informed him that the homeowner had neglected to secure his home. The volunteer locked the door and notified the grateful homeowner, Mr. Bruce Hamerstrom.

These young people have demonstrated an important part of what makes a community: neighbors looking after neighbors. I congratulate Jimmy and Eli for their good sense and judgement. I know that their parents must be proud of them, as are we all.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD L. MAYBERRY

**HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 1998*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to pay tribute to one of Sacramento's most respected and effective labor leaders, Mr. Richard L. Mayberry. This evening, Mr. Mayberry's many friends and colleagues will commemorate the conclusion of his tenure as an officer with the Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522.

"Dick" Mayberry has been affiliated with the Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522 for 26 years. He has served as an Area Director, Vice President, and, for the past twelve years, he has held the post of President.

A native of Sacramento, California, Dick Mayberry is a veteran of the United States Army and the father of two. He joined the Sacramento Fire Department in 1964 after serving one year as a correctional officer.

Mr. Mayberry's leadership abilities allowed him to achieve the rank of Apparatus Operator in 1975, three years after he first became an officer in the Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522.

In 1985, Dick Mayberry assumed the presidency of Local 522 and quickly established himself as one of our community's most influential champions of labor. This position soon led him to a variety of other important labor and civic posts.

Among these, Mr. Mayberry was a Sacramento County Civil Service Commissioner from 1984 to 1994, chairing that important body for two terms. He has also been a mem-

ber of the Industrial Relations Association of Northern California for thirteen years, serving as an officer for two terms.

Since 1985, he has been Vice President of the Public Employee Council and an Executive Board Member with the Sacramento Central Labor Council, our city's most prominent representative labor body. Mr. Mayberry's other notable labor positions include the chairmanship of the Board of Publishers of the Sacramento Labor Bulletin and membership in the International Association of Fire Fighters.

Mr. Mayberry has been most forceful in his capacity as the chief negotiator for the City of Sacramento's fire fighters. In performing this key duty, with the pay, benefits, and working conditions of his membership hanging in the balance, Mr. Mayberry achieved his reputation for professional excellence.

In 1995, he retired from active service with the Sacramento Fire Department, but that did not preclude him from passing on his occupational expertise to other fire fighters. In this regard, he has worked as a member of the California State Board of Fire Services since 1996.

Dick Mayberry's unique labor and fire fighting background has led him to represent our community's fire fighters before the Civil Service Commission regarding examinations, classification, and disciplinary matters. He has also attained a strong grasp of the issues involving the merger, consolidation, and reorganization of fire districts.

Mr. Speaker, Dick Mayberry has led a remarkable career in Northern California. He has come to personify integrity and drive in Sacramento's labor community. We ask all of our colleagues to join us in saluting his 26 year record of achievement with the Sacramento Area Local Fire Fighters.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK MARTINEZ PORTUSACH

**HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 1998*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the island of Guam mourns the passing of one of its most respected and dedicated leaders. Frank Martinez Portusach, the former mayor of the village of Agana Heights, was called to his eternal rest of December 26, 1996 at the age of 76. He leaves behind his wife, the former Ms. Virginia Hughes and his children Thelma, Frances, Frank, Jane John and Deanna.

Mayor Portusach was an accomplished artist and craftsman, a Merchant Marine Engineering officer, a businessman, and a senior island politician. This man, known throughout the island for his seemingly inexhaustible energy, ushered the transformation of Agana Heights from a village lined with dirt roads, lacking sewer lines, and devoid of community facilities into a model island village with the lowest crime rate, the finest streets, and one of Guam's most extensive community activity programs.

Born in 1921 to Concepcion Portusach Lorenzo and Henry Sakakibara, Mayor Portusach received formal education from several institutions including the Guam High School, U.S. Naval Correspondence School, and the Marine Engineering School under the

Department of the Navy. After retiring from the United States Merchant Marines, he started a local business in 1967. He began his political career in 1976, back when mayors were known as village commissioners. Mayor Portusach received an appointment from former Governor Ricky Bordallo as commissioner for the village of Agana Heights. It was at this post that he became so loved and respected by the island's civilian and military communities.

In addition to his efforts towards having village streets paved and in the development of community activities, he is also credited for the construction of waterlines, installation of streetlights, and renovation of village schools. Through his efforts, Agana Heights became the first village on Guam to have mail received through home delivery service. This was made possible by a detailed village map personally drafted by Mayor Portusach. The Department of Land Management has since included this map in their official records.

However, Mayor Portusach's most prominent and lasting achievement is probably the institution of the Sister Village Program. He really took great pride in his ability to work well with the military community. After hearing about friction between the military and local communities several decades ago, he started the program wherein Guam villages "adopted" local military commands fostering friendship and cooperation. This has resulted in tremendous mutual benefits for service members and the local community.

In recognition of his achievements, he was presented a host of awards and commendations. Among these are several notable and distinct honors. This includes being named an honorary Seabee, an honorary captain in the Police Reserve, and an honorary Commodore in the United States Navy.

The late Honorable Frank Martinez Portusach left a legacy of service and devotion to the village of Agana Heights, the island of Guam, its people and the United States. It is with a sense of great loss that I pay tribute to this distinguished local leader. His perseverance and energy will forever live in the hearts of his constituents. May his lifelong commitment to the village of Agana Heights and the island forever inspire us.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I offer my condolences and join his widow, children, and grandchildren in mourning the loss of a husband, a father, and a fellow servant to the people of Guam.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE PENSION PORTABILITY

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 1998*

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation which addresses an extremely important issue—pension portability. Today, there are 51 million American workers with no pension plan and there are many others who lose their pensions when they change jobs. Our society is ever changing and one of these changes is job mobility. It is much more common for individuals to have several jobs than in the past.